



## Introduction

*Christ tells parables about the Kingdom of Heaven.*



## Questions

1. In the parable of the farmer, what type of person does the seed sown on good ground represent?
2. In these parables, who does Jesus say will separate the wicked from the righteous?
3. What two things does Jesus say the Kingdom of Heaven is as precious as?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 9** Jesus gives a parable about a farmer whose seed lands on different types of ground
- **v 10 to 15** Parables hide the message of the Kingdom of Heaven (See theme) from those who don't really want to hear it, fulfilling a prophecy in Isaiah
- **v 16 and 17** The disciples are blessed because they do see
- **v 18 to 23** The parable of the farmer illustrates different reactions from people who hear the word of the Kingdom
- **v 24 to 30** In this parable weeds and good seed develop together until harvest time
- **v 31 to 33** The Kingdom of Heaven is like:
  - a small seed that becomes a big tree
  - yeast which spreads through all the quantity of meal
- **v 34 and 35** Jesus speaking in parables was predicted by the prophets
- **v 36 to 43** The parable of the weeds shows that the children of the Kingdom grow alongside the children of the evil one. At the end of the age, they are separated
- **v 44 to 50** More illustrations of what the Kingdom of Heaven is like:
  - treasure, which a man sells all he has to buy
  - an expensive pearl, which a merchant sells all he has to buy
  - a dragnet which gathers all kinds of fish. The angels separate these into good and bad and the bad are destroyed
- **v 51 and 52** Disciples understanding these things will be able to pass them on
- **v 53 to 58** Jesus' teaching is not believed by those in his home area who have seen him grow up

**Timeline** AD 30 (see below)



## Theme

### The Kingdom of Heaven

*The phrase Kingdom of Heaven occurs only in Matthew's Gospel and is equivalent to the Kingdom of God as the following comparisons show.*

*Matthew 4 v 17 and Mark 1 v 14 and 15*

*Matthew 19 v 13 and 14 and Mark 10 v 13 and 14*

*Matthew 5 v 3 and Luke 6 v 20*

*Matthew 11 v 11 and Luke 7 v 28*

*Matthew 13 v 10 and 11 and Luke 8 v 9 and 10*

## ? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 23, Q 2: v 49, Q 3: v 44 and 46



# Bible timeline

